

Voters' Guide to the 2004 General Elections

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A group of respected, civic-minded individuals with intense interest in Southern Nevada politics, gathered at the *Night Beat* offices and endorsed candidates for various offices and ballot initiatives which will be decided by ballot in the upcoming general election. Early voting begins Oct. 16 and ends Oct. 29. The general election is Tuesday, Nov. 2 and polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

If you're not yet registered, there is still hope. Oct. 2 is the last day to register without appearing in person at the election department. Oct. 3-12, voters may still register, change addresses or change party affiliation by going in person to either of the Clark County Election Department's two offices.

We urge you not only to vote but to actively encourage your friends and family to join you at the polls. This is perhaps one of the most important elections for the LGBT community and for our nation as a whole. No one should shirk their duty to vote. We don't want what happened four years ago to happen again.

This list of endorsements is published to help our community to be better informed about the candidates. While the best policy is to research every

candidate and question for yourself, it's not always possible or practical. Our panel is well-informed, knows many of the candidates personally and we urge you to take their advice in any race or on any ballot question where you're uncertain.

This endorsement list is provided as a service by the *Night Beat* and we urge you to take this magazine – or at least the endorsement pages – with you when you vote.

President of the United States

✓ **John Kerry (Dem)**

Take your pick and support John Kerry because of the economy or the fiasco in Iraq. We suggest you also consider the threat of more extremists being appointed to the US Supreme Court and lower courts if Bush is reelected. Many of our rights and issues are decided by the courts and if judges are appointed who decided cases on their personal views rather than what the US Constitution says, our civil rights could be set back by decades.

United States Senate

✓ **Harry Reid (Dem)**

We truly like Sen. Harry Reid, the Democrat. For our Republican friends who may not know who their candidate is, let us warn you about Richard Ziser – he was

the mouthpiece for ignorance and intolerance during the Question 2 battle which amended the Nevada Constitution to discriminate against same-sex couples.

Representative in Congress, Dist. 1

✓ **Berkley, Shelley (Dem)**

Shelley is our friend. Who could ask for more?

Representative in Congress, Dist. 2

✓ **Angie G. Cochran (Dem)**

We don't like the Republican incumbent, Rep. Jim Gibbons. Angie Cochran would do a good job in Washington.

Representative in Congress, Dist. 3

✓ **Tom Gallagher (Dem)**

Our choice is Tom Gallagher. He's no stranger to GLBT events. He deserves our support.

State Senate, Dist. 1

✓ **No Endorsement**

We're not impressed with John Lee, the Democrat and Ray Shaffer, the Republican, is an idiot – and we don't mean that in the medical sense.

State Senate, Dist. 3

✓ **Valerie Wiener (Dem)**

State Senate, Dist. 4

✓ **Steven Horsford (Dem)**

State Senate, Dist. 5, Seat A

✓ **Richard Fitzpatrick (Dem)**

The Republican (Joe Heck) ran a dishonest primary race but his mistruths and false statements did finally get rid of the incumbent, Sen. Sen. Anne O'Connell (in her case, we'll take a victory however we can get it). It'll be a hard race but the Democrat, Richard Fitzpatrick is our friend and would do a far, far better job than Joe Heck.

State Senate, Dist. 6

✓ **Vote for Neither**

The Republican, Bob Beers, has never been our friend and it's a shame there isn't a Democrat in this race. The Independent

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2004 General Election Registration Deadlines

October 2: Last day to register or update your registration for the Nov. 2 federal/state general election, without appearing at the Election Department offices.

Ten-day period (Oct. 3 to 12) for in-office registration or updates at either Election Department office. Hours will be:

October 3: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

October 4 to 7: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

October 8 to 12: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Physical Locations:

Clark County Election Center Office
965 Trade Drive, Suite A, North Las Vegas

Clark County Election Department Office
Clark County Government Center, First Floor, Suite 1117
500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas

Make a Difference: Vote on Tuesday, Nov. 2

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American Party candidate, like all the IAP candidates, is a mouthpiece for ignorance and intolerance. Beers will win this race but don't vote for either candidate, just to show our disgust.

State Senate, Dist. 7, Seat A
 ✓ **Dina Titus (Dem)**

You couldn't ask for a better friend or more honest politician than Sen. Dina Titus. She is the shining star in the State Senate.

State Senate, Central District
 ✓ **Mike McGinness (Rep)**

State Assembly, Dist. 1
 ✓ **Marilyn Kirkpatric (Dem)**

State Assembly, Dist. 2
 ✓ **Geoffrey Vanderpal (Dem)**

State Assembly, Dist. 3
 ✓ **Pierce, Peggy (Dem)**

This Democratic incumbent is very supportive on our issues and had an outstanding freshman year in the Legislature.

State Assembly, Dist. 4
 ✓ **Vote for Neither**

Francis Allen, the Republican, signed the "Anti-Reciprocal Benefits, Anti-Civil Union and Pro Question 2 Pledge" two years ago. There is no Democrat in this race and the only other choice is the IAP candidate and they are always a bad choice. Leave this one blank and send a message.

State Assembly, Dist. 5
 ✓ **Kirk Kaplan (Dem)**

Kirk Kaplan is the far superior candidate. He's a young CPA/attorney and he will be a friend to our community.

State Assembly, Dist. 6
 ✓ **Harvey J. Munford (Dem)**

He'll make a great addition to the State Assembly. We look forward to working with him.

State Assembly, Dist. 7
 ✓ **Morse Arberry, Jr. (Dem)**

Great guy and a wonderful friend.

State Assembly, Dist. 8
 ✓ **Barbara Buckley (Dem)**

Probably one of the smartest members of the State Assembly and always an advocate for justice.

State Assembly, Dist. 9
 ✓ **Chris Giunchigliani (Dem)**

It would be criminal if this woman was not reelected but the Republicans are going to try. A true friend and solid supporter of equal rights for LGBT citizens.

State Assembly, Dist. 10
 ✓ **Joseph Hogan (Dem)**

State Assembly, Dist. 11
 ✓ **Bob McCleary (Dem)**

State Assembly, Dist. 12
 ✓ **Genie Ohrenschall (Dem)**

A true gem of a woman. Always a friend of the LGBT community and if you ever have a chance to meet her, take it! You'll enjoy this warm, caring woman.

State Assembly, Dist. 13
 ✓ **Justin Jones (Dem)**

State Assembly, Dist. 14
 ✓ **Ellen Koivisto (Dem)**

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EARLY VOTING FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION IS:
OCTOBER 16TH (SATURDAY) TO OCTOBER 29TH (FRIDAY)

ANY Clark County registered voter may vote before election day at **ANY** early voting site. Sites open throughout the 14 days of early voting are listed below.

For other voting sites, visit
co.clark.nv.us/election/2004/GEN/EVSched_GEN04.pdf

SITES OPEN EVERY DAY DURING EARLY VOTING

	Boulevard Mall Brookstone Court, Back Mall Entrance 3528 S. Maryland Pky., Las Vegas	Mon. - Sat.: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sun.: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Centennial Center - Near Petco East End of Petco Parking Lot Centennial Ctr. Blvd., Between Ann/Tropical	Sat. - Sun.: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Mon. - Fri.: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Last Day, Fri.: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
	Galleria at Sunset Mervyn's Court 1300 W. Sunset Rd., Henderson	Mon. - Sat.: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sun.: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Las Vegas Outlet Center (Formerly Belz) Green Food Court 7400 Las Vegas Blvd., South, Las Vegas	Mon. - Sat.: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sun.: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
	Meadows Mall Sears Court 4300 Meadows Lane, Las Vegas	Mon. - Sat.: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sun.: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Las Vegas Athletic Club Trailer, in Front of Club Entrance 5200 W. Sahara Ave., Las Vegas	Sat. - Sun.: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Mon. - Fri.: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Last Day, Fri.: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
	Las Vegas Strip (Industrial Rd. Site) Trailer, Behind the Mirage Industrial Rd., South of Spring Mountain	Mon. - Sun.: 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. CLOSED 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. 4 p.m. - 11 p.m.
	Clark County Government Center, Regional Transportation Comm. RTC Meeting Room #108 600 S. Grand Central Pky., Las Vegas	Sat.: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sun.: CLOSED Mon. - Fri.: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Last Day, Fri.: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

VOTING TIP: AVOID LINES by voting during the FIRST WEEK of early voting.

David Parks, Openly Gay Assembly Member, Deserves Support & Votes

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State Assembly, Dist. 15

✓ **Kathy McClain (Dem)**

The only clear choice in this District is our friend Kathy McClain.

State Assembly, Dist. 16

✓ **John Ocegüera (Dem)**

State Assembly, Dist. 17

✓ **Kelvin Atkinson (Dem)**

We like Kelvin Atkinson, the Democrat, and we don't care for David Gibbs, the Republican.

State Assembly, Dist. 18

✓ **Mark Manendo (Dem)**

State Assembly, Dist. 19

✓ **Jerry D. Claborn (Dem)**

State Assembly, Dist. 20

✓ **Joe Hardy (Rep)**

State Assembly, Dist. 21

✓ **Bob Beale (Rep)**

State Assembly, Dist. 22

✓ **Caren Levenson (Dem)**

State Assembly, Dist. 23

✓ **Richard D. Perkins (Dem)**

State Assembly, Dist. 27

✓ **Leslie Sheila (Dem)**

State Assembly, Dist. 28

✓ **Benjamin J. Bell, Sr. (Rep)**

State Assembly, Dist. 29

✓ **Susan Gerhardt (Dem)**

Not only is this Democrat an excellent choice but the Republican in this race is bad news.

State Assembly, Dist. 30

✓ **Debbie Smith (Dem)**

State Assembly, Dist. 31

✓ **Bernie Anderson (Dem)**

State Assembly, Dist. 34

✓ **William C. Horne (Dem)**

State Assembly, Dist. 35

✓ **Marcia de Braga (Dem)**

State Assembly, Dist. 37

✓ **Marcus Conklin (Dem)**

State Assembly, Dist. 40

✓ **Bonnie Parnell (Dem)**

State Assembly, Dist. 41

✓ **David Parks (Dem)**

The only openly-gay elected official in Nevada, who also happens to be consistently named one of the top legislators each session. He is presently the Assistant Majority Leader, an important leadership position. The Republicans are anxious to get this powerful Assembly Member out of Carson City and we can't let that happen. Thanks for your hard work, David.

State Assembly, Dist. 42

✓ **Harry Mortenson, (Dem)**

Another Assembly Member who is great on our issues but also one who the Republicans want out of Carson City. Let's make sure that doesn't happen.

Clark County Commission, Dist. A

✓ **Bruce Woodbury (Dem)**

We're sticking by our friend, the incumbent. We know it's not his district, but whatever happened to the crosswalk and traffic signal for the Naples/Paradise area? We know Clark County Public Works Director Marty Manning is homophobic but can't someone on the county commission put some pressure on here?

Clark County Commission, Dist. B

✓ **Shari Buck (Rep)**

Tom Collins is a disgrace to the Democratic party. Shari Buck, the Republican, is coming around and we're endorsing her.

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OUR COVER – Golden Rainbow will present the **28th Beaux Arts Ball** at the MGM Grand on Oct. 28. Get all the details on page 22. **The Arts District** is exploding in creativity and growth. Denise Duarte looks at this exciting development on the second anniversary of First Friday, beginning on page 26.

County Commissioners, Judges and University Regents

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Again, we say to the winner (see our note about Bruce Woodbury and the crosswalk above).

Clark County Commission, Dist. C

✓ **No Endorsement**

Sorry, but the incumbent, Chip Maxfield, signed the "Anti-Reciprocal Benefits, Anti-Civil Union and Pro Question 2 Pledge" two years ago plus, again, while it isn't their district, we still don't have the crosswalk and stoplight at Paradise and Naples.

Clark County Commission, Dist. D

✓ **Yvonne Atkinson-Gates (Dem)**

Clearly the best choice. We won't bore you with more on the crosswalk (but we don't have it yet!)

Clark County Commission, Dist. F

✓ **David Goldwater (Dem)**

Don't worry about Lynette Boggs-McDonald offering to put in a crosswalk for us. She's homophobic and thinks her personal religious beliefs should be the law of the land. This woman was appointed to the job by Gov. Kenny Guinn – and she isn't even Mormon (one religion that usually confuses church and state). David Goldwater is our friend and doesn't have the ethics problems that will plague Boggs-McDonald.

Justice, Supreme Court, Seat A

✓ **Jim Hardesty**

Hands down, the best choice.

Justice, Supreme Court, Seat E

✓ **John E. Mason**

Justice, Supreme Court, Seat F

✓ **Michael L. Douglas**

District Court Judge, Dept. 1

✓ **Bill Henderson**

District Court Judge, Dept. 11

✓ **Mike Davidson**

District Court Judge, Family Dept. D

✓ **Gerald Hardcastle**

District Court Judge, Family Dept. E

✓ **Sandra L. Pomrenze**

District Court Judge, Family Dept. F

✓ **Bob Gaston**

State Board of Education, Dist. 1

✓ **Sharon Frederkick**

Regent, State University, Dist. 7

✓ **Steve Sisolak**

Regent, State University, Dist. 13

✓ **Gloria J. Sturman**

Trustee, Clark County School Dist. A

✓ **Isaac Farrell**

Trustee, Clark County School Dist. B

✓ **Troy Bulloch**

Trustee, Clark County School Dist. C

✓ **Shirley Barber**

Trustee, Clark County School Dist. E

✓ **Denise Brodsky**

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Justice of the Peace, Las Vegas Township 7

✓ *Karen Bennet*

Justice of the Peace, Las Vegas Township 9

✓ *Bernie Zadowski*

State Questions

State Question #1

✓ *No*

Question 1 sounds good and will

undoubtedly pass, but it won't change a thing. It does not matter if we fund education on the first day of the Legislative session or the last. What matters is that we fund education adequately. This question does not address funding levels. Vote no on question 1.

State Question #2

✓ *No*

The people promoting Question 2 have good intentions. We need to increase education funding. However, the supporters of Question 2 do not include any mechanism (tax proposals) to provide that increase in funding. Do they want us to cut Nevada's already meager social safety net programs and shift the funds to education? Vote no on 2.

State Question #3

✓ *No*

Rationale: This measure limits liability exposure of medical providers to claims for negligence. It also sets aside legislation passes two years ago that has shown signs of working. The problem is with insurance companies.

State Question #4

✓ *Yes*

Rationale: This measure would require insurance companies to roll insurance rates back 20%. It also reverses Question #3, if Question #3 passes.

State Question #5

✓ *Yes*

The measure is designed to stop frivolous lawsuits and protect legal rights. The rationale is the measure prohibits frivolous lawsuits and prohibits setting a structured calculation for attorneys' fees.

State Question #6

✓ *Yes*

Vote yes on Question 6. The Minimum Wage has not been raised in more than seven years. Its buying power has been eroded due to inflation. More than 70 percent of Minimum Wage earners are adults. The current Minimum Wage is \$5.15 an hour. This will boost it to \$6.15 an hour

State Question #7

✓ *Yes*

Vote yes on Question 7. This Question cleans up the language of our State Constitution.

State Question #8

✓ *Yes*

This question, if approved, will unify Nevada's sales tax code with a program to make sales tax collection uniform throughout the country.

Clark County Questions

Clark County Question #9

✓ *No*

Vote no on Question 9. Perhaps we do need more police officers, but an increase in the sales tax is not the way to fund their hiring. Sales taxes are regressive and hurt low-income people more than other taxes. Clark County's sales tax is already one of the highest in the nation. Police are also part

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Support Network for Straight Spouses Responds to Alvear

Dear Editor,

I am writing to thank you for publishing the article "The Real Victims of N.J. Governor McGreevey's 'Lie & Try' Method by Michael Alvear.

I don't know if you have heard of Amity Buxton. She is the national leader of the Straight Spouses of Gays and Lesbians Network. I am the local leader and a straight woman.

This is an organization to support the straight spouses/partners. We are definitely not gay-bashers. Most of the couples that I am involved with truly love one another and are good people. But as the article stated, society has forced gays/lesbians into marriages with straight partners if they want families, etc.

If possible, it would be very helpful if you could let your readers know that there is a local and national support group for the straight spouses/partners of gays and lesbians. I can be contacted via this email address – oknlv1@cox.net. Please feel free to include it if you choose to publish the information.

Again, thank you for bringing this information into the gay community.

Jymmie Squyres

Reader Joe Raba relates to Cooper

'Slouching Through Gomorrah'
author Michael Alvear received this response to las month's column:

Dear Michael,

Read your article and fell over when you mentioned your friend Cooper and his plight. I just got divorced also after 42 years fo marriage. Came out to my wife about a year ago and we tried to work out a solution. The solution was a divorce. I'm 67 years old and am now trying

my new life. I'd like to talk to Cooper and see if we could just do the talk. You are the one with the power. If you think Cooper would like to yak, my number is 702-XXX-XXXX. It really is too weird that your article was found by me. Makes one realize that we are not alone.

Thanx once more for the thoughts. I'm doing pretty good as the divorce was finalized about 3 weeks ago. What a life!

Joe Raba

Clark County, Boulder City, Bunkerville & Searchlight

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of PERS, the Public Employees Retirement System, and the unfunded liabilities should be resolved before adding more employees to the system.

Clark County Advisory Question #10

✓ No

Boulder City Question #1

✓ No

When the Boulder Creek Golf Course was originally proposed, it was promised that no land around it would be sold for homes. Now that the golf course has been unsuccessful, they're back with a bad idea. We don't want more homes. It's a short-term fix for a long-term problem. Private homes will just exacerbate the problem. Boulder City needs more affordable housing, not more rich-people's overpriced houses and the golf course developers need to keep their word.

Bunkerville Advisory Question

✓ Yes

Searchlight Question

✓ Yes

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